

# THE CRACOW MEETING OF POLISH ENGINEERS

## KRAKOWSKIE SPOTKANIE POLSKICH INŻYNIERÓW

The 4th World Convention of Polish Engineers, as summoned together with the 26th Congress of Polish Technicians, was ended with the summing up session held on 15 June 2019 in the Auditorium of the Stanisław Staszic AGH University of Science and Technology in Cracow.

During the inauguration on 13 June 2019, when addressing to the participants of the meeting in the special message, the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr Andrzej Duda wrote as follows: "It is an extremely valuable and important meeting as the quickly varying reality requires a look at the future and vision of development, corresponding to the current civilization trends. I am very glad that you not only perceive the mentioned need but also you respond to the expectations and undertake the substantial activity. It is you who keep our future in your hands to a great extent. It is the imagination of the engineers that changes the world and human life in all its aspects. It is you who are able to foresee the threats and to manage the progress in such a way that it could best serve the people. It is a big gift and, at the same time, a big responsibility. The technique has also social and ethical aspects and affects our perception of the world, our relations and our personality".

The Convention was attended by ca. 200 participants, including Polonia engineers from Canada, the United States of America, Australia, Lithuania, Austria, Greece, Germany, France, Switzerland and Great Britain, and by numerous representation of Polish engineering environment from research institutes and innovative companies, and also, the scientists and students of Cracow technical universities.

On the one hand, the Convention and the Congress, as being convoked during the period of celebration of the Centenary of Regaining the Independence by Poland referred to the estimable past: the lecture entitled "The Role of Engineer in Regaining the Independence and Construction of Statehood" was delivered by Mrs. Ewa Mankiewicz-Cudny, the President of FSNT-NOT. On the other hand, the leading motto of the Cracow debate was: "Engineer of the Future". The introductory speech was delivered by Prof. Dr. Jan Szmidt, PhD – the Chairman of the Conference of the Rectors of Polish Universities and the Rector of Warsaw University of Technology.

Immediately after the inauguration, the working sessions were commenced. "Engineers of the Future at the Centenary of Regaining the Independence", reminding the silhouettes of the outstanding creators of engineering, was the subject of the first panel session. Its moderators were: Prof. Dr. Tadeusz Słomka, PhD., - the Rector of AGH University of Science and Technology and Prof. Dr. Andrzej Nowak, Eng., - the President of the Council of Polish Engineers in the North America (Auburn University). The panellists were: Prof. Jerzy Hausner (Cracow University of Economics), Prof. Dr. Jan Kazior (Cracow Technical





University), Prof. Dr Tadeusz Łodygowski, Eng. (Poznań University of Technology), Mariusz Kondraciuk (Siemens) and Dr Wojciech Kamieniecki (NCBR),

The subject of the successive sessions included was as follows: "Polish Engineers in the Work for Independence". The Centenary of AGH University of Science and Technology in social and political aspects was discussed by Dr. Anna Siwik – the Pro-Rector of AGH. The moderators of the session were: Janusz Romański, PhD. – the President of the Association of Polish Engineers Polonia Technica, Vice-President of the Council of Polish Engineers in the North America and Prof. dr hab. Jerzy Lis, Eng.,- the Pro-Rector for Cooperation of AGH. The participants of the panel were: Prof. Wojciech Stankiewicz (Lithuania), Dr Piotr Szymczak, Eng. (the President of the Association of Polish Electrical Engineers, SEP), Janusz Zastocki, MSc, Polonia Technica (USA) and Bronisław Hynowski from the Society of Technical Culture.

In the evening, during the solemn Engineer's Gala, there were awarded the titles of "Golden Engineer of Polish Technical Review" in category Polonia Engineer and the titles of "Master of Engineering of FSNT-NOT". The title of the Master of Engineering 2018 went to tramway Moderus Gamma – the work of the Modertrans company from Poznań. The Gala was celebrated by the performance of the Assembly of Song and Dance "Krakus" and the Choir Con Fuoco from AGH.

The program of the next day included 6 following sessions: "Engineer and environment", "Engineer – the proposal for the young people", "Engineer in the world of machines (Industry 4.0)", "Engineer and medicine", "Engineer in IT" and "Engineer and infrastructure". During the sessions, the exchange of experience had place and vivid discussions were carried out.





After the closing session which adopted the message and the conclusions from the 4th Convention and the 26th Congress, the solemn Gala "the Poles together" had place. During the Gala, the group of engineers was distinguished with the Piotr S. Drzewiecki Medal. The NOT Cups were also rewarded to the authors and editors, participating in the competition TECHNICUS 2019 for the best technical book and the best technical guidebook. On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the European Federation of Polonia Engineering Associations, the distinctions were handed by its representatives.

The Convention was ended by the meeting of the presidents and activists of Polonia Engineering Associations and the members of the Chief Board of FSNT-NOT, the Presidium of the Board of Cracow Council of FSNT-NOT and the Steering Committee of the 26th Congress of Polish Technicians and the 4th Convention of Polish Engineers. It had place in historical, 113 years old Cracow House of Engineer of NOT.

The partners of the 4th Convention of Polish Engineers and the 26th Congress of Polish Technicians were: Association "Polish Community" and the Senate of the Republic of Poland and Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP), National Centre for Research and Development in Poland, Office of Technical Inspection (UDT), KGHM Polish Copper, and Polish Scientific Publishers PWN.

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